

To an editor of a magazine trying to bring Theosophists from the various traditions together, this strict approach is sometimes rather confusing. It was, nevertheless, possible to find some sort of solution for it. Certain associates of the ULT have no problems in having their name mentioned, whereas others have, so each case is looked at separately, and the author is specifically and respectfully asked.

I believe that what Crosbie wrote at the time was, and still is, spot on. Personalities, egos, and in particular ambition should have no place in the world of spirituality. Many of the problems and upheavals in the past, but also the ones we see in our day, have been rooted in a desire to have and not to be. Actually ambition combined with spirituality, in whatever subtle form, turns into something very ugly. How far one can actually take impersonality is an enduring question since it can be revealing and refreshing indeed to see a real face behind an article or an idea.

In other Theosophical traditions, names, titles, or basic background information about speakers and authors are often given to accommodate the reader or listener. It is considered to be helpful to know more and be informed about those who write and lecture. In *Theosophy Forward*, the magazine, we keep that info to a minimum. A name and a country are usually sufficient, because many of the authors are known and need no further introduction. In the series of mini interviews, more personal info is given because the purpose of that series is to provide an opportunity for both known and lesser known Theosophists to introduce themselves, irrespective of their function or tradition.

If there is one thing Theosophy teaches, it is that we need to let things go, we need to get rid of the shackles of attachment. All that we possess on this plane is Maya and only temporarily relevant, if relevant at all. Names, titles, achievements, diplomas, status, medals, and trophies may be nice to keep somewhere hidden in a cupboard to go through, or look at once in a while, but ultimately that is not what Theosophy is about; it is about detachment and being humble!

Yet, and this is the paradox, you see that within certain Theosophical circles some apparently seem to have lost sight of basic Theosophical principles, in ambitious but at the same time ludicrous attempts to impress fellow seekers. It seems that some have egos as big as pompous glass cathedrals that really have gone over the top showing themselves.